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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 6838

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, JO, KE, IR

SUBJ: TRANSFER OF F-5 AIRCRAFT

1. DURING MEETING JULY 16 WITH GENERAL TOUFANIAN, HE TOLD CHIEF, ARMISH/MAAG, AND EMBOFF THAT GOI COULD NOT ACCEPT USG OFFER OF \$106,000 EACH FOR TEN FMS F-5AS AND TWO BS WE PLANNED TO TRANSFER TO KENYA. WHEN USG REQUEST RECEIVED, SHAH HAD DIRECTED THAT IIAF PRESENT ITS VIEWS. IIAF HAD REPLIED TO GENERAL TOUFANIAN THAT USG PRICE WAS INSUFFICIENT AND THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR IRAN TO RETAIN PLANES FOR TRAINING PURPOSES. WE ASKED TOUFANIAN WHETHER IRAN WISHED TO SUGGEST A HIGHER PRICE. HE INDICATED THAT HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO DO SO.

2. TOUFANIAN THEN TOLD US THAT IRAN WISHED TO TRANSFER TO JORDAN AN ADDITIONAL 10 F-5AS AND 2 F-5BS. KING HUSSEIN HAD REQUESTED THESE AIRCRAFT OVER AND ABOVE THE 20 F-5AS AND 2 F-5BS THAT IRAN HAD OFFERED JORDAN WITH USG APPROVAL. SHAH HAD APPROVED JORDAN'S REQUEST IN PRINCIPLE AND PLANS
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TO GIVE AIRCRAFT TO JORDAN AS A GIFT. HE HAS DIRECTED

THAT PROPOSAL BE CHECKED OUT WITH USG. TOUFANIAN ASKED
FOR USG REACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, IF WE EXCLUDE KENYA PURCHASE
AND NEW PROPOSAL FOR JORDAN, IRAN HAS IN ITS INVENTORY 28
F-5AS AND 15 F-5BS AVAILABLE FOR TRANSFER. THIS TOTAL
INCLUDES 12 MAP F-5AS SLATED FOR TRANSFER TO GREECE. IF
TRANSFER TO JORDAN GOES THROUGH AS APPROVED THERE OBVIOUSLY
WILL NOT BE ENOUGH AIRCRAFT TO PROVIDE 10 F-5AS FOR KENYA.

4. STATE AND DOD WILL WISH TO DECIDE WHETHER USG IS TO
MAKE A CASE FOR SENDING AIRCRAFT TO KENYA VICE JORDAN.
IF WE WISH TO PRESS THIS MATTER, IT WILL HAVE TO BE DONE,
WE BELIEVE, AT A HIGH LEVEL, SOON, AND SUPPORTED BY STRONG
RATIONALE.

5. AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS.
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